effect that they should be destroyed within such and such a period after the year?

PRESIDENT.

They can be destroyed at any time after the year. Sometimes they postpone it owing to pressure of other business.

Mr. E. IKKANDA WARIAR.

May I take it that the registers of 1100 are not destroyed?

PRESIDENT.

One year has not lapsed, and so they must be there.

Mr. E. IKKANDA WARIAR.

I want to know whether they are there.

PRESIDENT.

One year has not elapsed. They will be destroyed only after 1101.

Mr. E. IKKANDA WARIAR.

Are the names of the in-patients registered in those registers?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

Yes.

Mr. E. IKKANDA WARIAR.

May I know how many Cochinites and Non-Cochinites are there?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

The question has been answered in the last session. I have given the answer 2,932 and 464 in 1100.

The admission of paying patients as in-patients in Hospitals.

Mr. E. IKKANDA WARIAR.

288. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) Whether it is a fact that paying patients are admitted as in-patients in the Hospitals of the State;

(b) Whether the private patients of the Doctors in charge of the Hospitals are given medicine from the Hospitals?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

(a) No.

(b) Medicines from the Hospitals are not dispensed to private patients subject to the following exceptions:—

(1) Members of His Highness' family;

(2) Officers in the service of the Government;

(3) Those who are not in a position to buy medicines;

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Mr. E. IKKANDA WARIAR.

Will a patient, after consulting a doctor privately, be admitted to the Hospital ?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

If he comes to the Hospital, we will admit him into the Hospital.

Dr. A. R. MENON.

It is a great pity that other members cannot put supplementary questions.

Mr. E. IKKANDA WARIAR.

Are they to pay fees to the doctor in charge of the Hospital ?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

They need not pay any fees.

Mr. E. IKKANDA WARIAR.

May I know whether the doctor consulted by the patient will refuse the consultation fees ?

PRESIDENT.

How can they ? You pay for the service already rendered.

Mr. E. IKKANDA WARIAR.

Sub-division (c). What are the processes by which the department knows whether a person is in a position to pay for his medicine or not ? I do not think they get a poverty certificate.

PRESIDENT.

How could we know all these things? There is only the mere statement from people that they are poor.

Mr. E. IKKANDA WARIAR.

May I have an answer from the Hon'ble Member in charge of the Department ?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

How do we know all that ? Nearly three hundred patients come there. When they come there, we gladly presume that they are poor. And if we know some are well-to-do people, we dissuade them.

Mr. E. IKKANDA WARIAR.

Why should you dissuade them ? You said the presumption is that all those who come to the Hospital are poor. Are there not specific rules on the subject ?

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DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

Here we have no rules on the subject. As far as I understand, every one who comes to the Hospital is entitled to a supply of medicine.

Dr. A. R. MENON.

Except the poor.

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

It is absurd.

Dr. A. R. MENON.

Why? I shall prove it.

Mr. E. IKKANDA WARIAR.

May I know whether the department has issued any instructions to the Hospitals and Dispensaries to see whether they are poor or not, before supplying medicines? I mean to ask whether the department has framed any rules for the guidance at least of the mofussil Hospitals, i. e., to the effect that medicines should be given only to poor people?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

No rules and instructions have been issued.

In-patients, Doctors, etc., in the Trichur Hospital.

Mr. E. IKKANDA WARIAR.

289. Will the Government be pleased to state (a) the number of in-patients and out-patients admitted into the Trichur Hospital for the last two years;

(b) The number of doctors employed in that Hospital during the same period;

(c) A statement showing their work?

DIWAN BAHADUR Dr. V. VERGHESE.

	1099.	1100.
(a) In-patients	1,094	1,358
Out-patients	22,433	26,632

(b) In 1099 there were 5 Medical Officers—1 Civil Surgeon, 1 Assistant Surgeon and 3 Sub-Assistant Surgeons. In 1100 there were 6 Medical Officers—1 Civil Surgeon, 2 Assistant Surgeons, and 3 Sub-Assistant Surgeons.

(c) In 1099, the Civil Surgeon was in charge of the institution. The Assistant Surgeon and one of the Sub-Assistant Surgeons were working in the In-patients' department. The other two Sub-Assistant Surgeons were working in the Out-patients' department.

In 1100, the Civil Surgeon was in charge; one of the Assistant Surgeons was deputed for medical inspection of schools for the most part of the year, and on his rejoining duty in the Hos-

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